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Colorado Trends

No major changes were noted in the State's relatively healthy labor force picture during October. Employment continued to expand while unemployment posted a small rise. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 5.1 percent, unchanged from the revised September level. One year ago 6.4 percent of Colorado's labor force were without work.

A stronger local economy has brought increased hiring the last few months and October was no exception. Total employment rose 11,300 over the month to reach 1,606,400. The current gain pushed the number of working Coloradans above the 1.6 million mark for only the third time in the last four years. The employment total was nearly 29,000 lower last year at the same time. Hiring activity in the Department's Job Service Centers also reflects improved labor market conditions. Job placements totaled almost 14,600 during September and October, 13.5 percent higher than in the two months one year ago.

After falling in each of the past three months, unemployment rose slightly during October. Jobless persons numbered 86,300, up 1,400 over the prior month, but 22,300 fewer than the estimate for one year ago.

Around the State, 42 of Colorado's 63 counties registered higher unemployment rates in October on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Most changes were normal for the period as joblessness usually rises in the fall with the completion of a major portion of harvesting activities and the slow period between the summer and winter recreation seasons. An exception to the trend was in the San Luis Valley where unemployment dropped sharply, if only temporarily, with the harvest of what should be a record potato crop.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported national labor force conditions were basically unchanged for the fourth month in a row during October. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 5.3 percent. Civilian employment rose 89,000 to 117.5 million while unemployment dipped 23,000 to 6.6 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado rose 6,400 in October to 1,457,700. The gain was substantially larger than normal for the September-October period, indicating an acceleration in the pace of job growth in the State. Last year at this time total wage and salary jobs numbered 1,431,100. Of the eight major nonfarm industry

sectors four advanced during the month, three showed job losses and mining remained unchanged. Government added the greatest number of new jobs over the month (up 7,200). The increase was mostly seasonal in nature, however, as state and local education continued their build-up at the beginning of the school year.

Trade employment (up 900) was stronger than expected for October. Gains were sizable in wholesale (up 400) and general merchandise stores (up 500). The mood among consumers in the State is considered "upbeat" as we enter the holiday buying season with the area's economy the healthiest its been in several years.

Both contract construction (up 600) and manufacturing (up 500) performed better than seasonally expected for the month. Construction employment is perking up with new retail, hotel, business park, and major viaduct/interchange projects taking place. Meanwhile a major Denver Area employer, Martin Marietta Corp., received a $1.6 billion order from the Air Force for 18 of its huge Titan 4 rockets. The order will keep the company's production line busy through the mid-1990's and restores confidence in the firm's future in the State in light of recent talk about defense cutbacks.

Among the declining sectors, services (down 2,300) fell the most although the drop was less than normal for October. Smaller losses occurred in transportation and public utilities (down 300) and finance, insurance and real estate (down 200). Bright spots emerged in these two industries during the month with the announcements that Pioneer TeleTechnologies will locate in Colorado Springs hiring 400 new workers by the first part of next year and Nordstrom Inc., the Seattle-based retailer, will move its credit-card processing operation to Arapahoe County bringing 200 jobs to the Denver Area.

A combination of higher employment and lower unemployment pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** down two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent. Last year at this time the rate was 6.0 percent. The local rate has not been lower since April 1985.

After seasonal adjustment, the number of jobless dipped 1,000 to 41,100. The level of unemployment one year ago was 52,600.

The estimated jobholder total advanced 5,100 in October for the fourth straight monthly gain. Total employment now stands at 825,900, an increase of almost 10,000 over the year.

Total wage and salary employment was stronger than normal for the September-October period, rising 2,500 to 812,600. This series, which had been up only 0.4 percent over the year as recently as August, is now growing at 1.1 percent on an over the year basis.

Government (up 2,800) paced all industry groups as seasonal school-related hiring continued from the prior month. Trade (up 700), manufacturing (up 100) and construction (up 100) also posted job additions. Services (down 100) turned in the best performance on a seasonally adjusted basis, while the small losses noted in the remaining sectors were consistent with anticipated seasonal movements.

EMPLOYMENT IN SEVEN COLORADO SKI COUNTIES

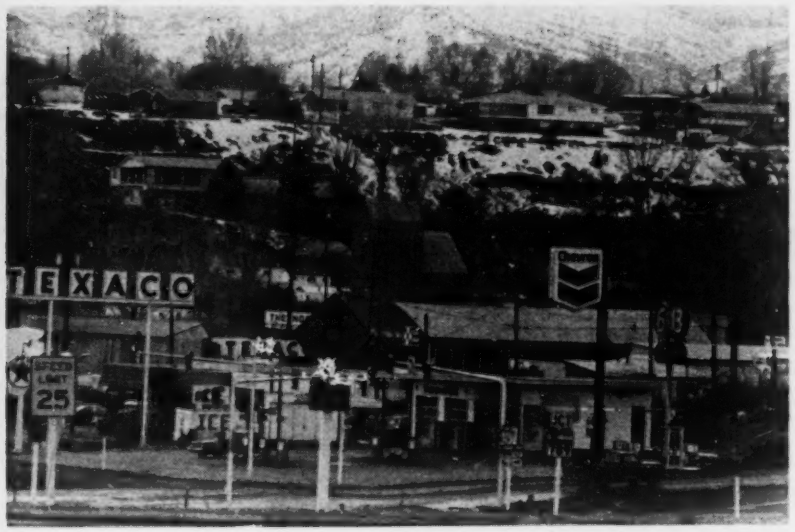
As skiers everywhere delight in the first snowfalls of winter this article reflects on last year's results. The table below reviews the past season with respect to skier visits and employment in seven counties in the State each containing at least one destination ski resort and where employment is heavily concentrated in the tourism related industries of restaurants, real estate, lodging and recreation. These four sectors ranged between 45 percent (Routt County) and 64 percent (Summit County) of total covered wage and salary employment as of the first quarter of 1989 making them the dominant industries in each local area's economy. Skier visits in the seven counties accounted for over 88% of total skier visits statewide.

Growth in both skier visits and employment marked the 1988-1989 ski season. Skier visits grew 5% last season in these seven Colorado ski area counties aided by some timely snows and the hosting of a world class ski event. Visits ranged from one percent increases in both Gunnison and Summit counties to an eleven percent increase in Eagle County (Vail was the site of the World Alpine Ski Championships in February). Employment grew over twice as fast, up 11%, with total covered nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the seven counties climbing to 63,274 in the first quarter of 1989 from 57,147 in the first quarter of 1988. The biggest gain occurred in Eagle County (up 17 percent) while the smallest increase

SKIER VISITS AND EMPLOYMENT AT SEVEN COLORADO COUNTIES*

COUNTY	SKI AREAS	1987-88 SKIER VISITS	1988-89 SKIER VISITS	1Q 88 TOTAL COV EMPL	1Q 89 TOTAL COV EMLP	% CHANGE SKIER VISITS	% CHANGE TOTAL COV EMPL
Eagle	Arrowhead, Beaver Creek/Vail	1,674,237	1,857,565	13,430	15,775	+11	+17
Grand	Winter Park/Mary Jane, Silver Creek	949,341	990,906	4,583	4,898	4	7
Gunnison	Crested Butte	407,453	411,356	4,511	4,990	1	11
Pitkin	Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, Snowmass	1,323,915	1,411,545	13,162	13,921	7	6
Routt	Steamboat Springs	913,904	976,254	8,094	8,843	7	9
San Miguel	Telluride	216,601	226,074	1,923	2,113	4	10
Summit	Arapahoe Basin/Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain	2,927,446	2,953,668	11,444	12,734	1	11
TOTAL		8,412,897	8,827,368	57,147	63,274	5	11

* Each county listed contains at least one destination ski resort and the Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC's) 58,65, 70 & 79 combine to comprise a minimum of 45% of total covered nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the county as of the first quarter of 1989.



Many businesses in Colorado's mountain communities are impacted by the State's ski trade.

took place in Pitkin County (up 6 percent). Even though lift ticket sales were nearly flat in Gunnison and Summit Counties employment was up 11 percent in both areas without significant declines in the average weekly wage. The weekly wage rate between the first quarter of 1988 and first quarter of 1989 fell slightly in Gunnison County ($287 vs $263) and was nearly unchanged in Summit County ($272 vs $269). This indicates the resorts located in Summit County did not hire more workers for fewer hours while a small amount of this hiring practice may have occurred in Gunnison County.

The presence and strength of a ski area in a given county can be identified by the cyclical nature of the county's economy especially in the restaurant, real estate, lodging, and recreation sectors.

For counties where ski areas have developed a summer trade as well as the winter skiing trade, there is a double peak/trough cycle. The first peak usually occurs in January or February and declines into the spring months. The second peak usually occurs in July, the height of the summer tourist season, and declines into the fall months. Some ski areas, however, exhibit a single peak/through cycle, the late spring, summer, and fall comprising the trough. Most counties where ski areas are located typically have a double peak/through cycle although the summer season is usually much weaker than the winter.

Pitkin, Summit, and Grand counties are models of a strong double peak/trough economy. The peak during the summer season, although below that of the winter season, continues to grow as ski areas promote summer activities as well as their winter snow. San Miguel County, home of the Telluride Jazz Festival is a good example of a county that is successfully marketing its summer season as well as its skiing.

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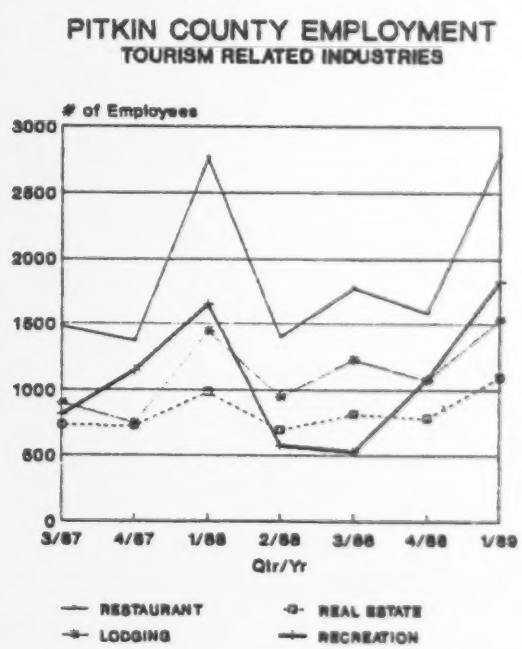
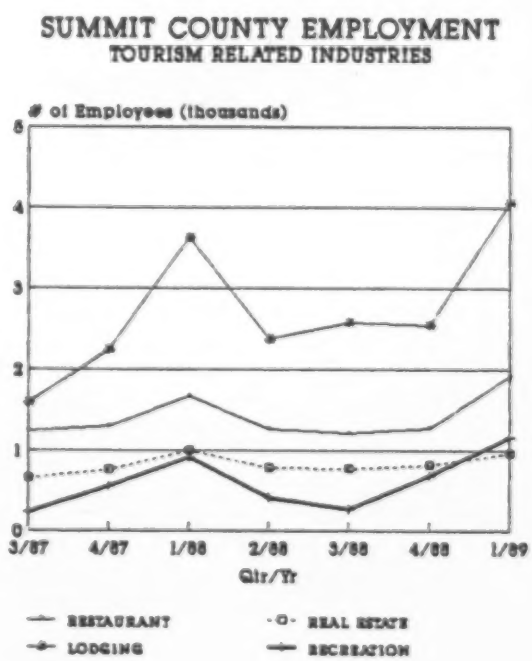
PITKIN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

	3Q 87	4Q 87	1Q 88	2Q 88	3Q 88	4Q 88	1Q 89
RESTAURANTS	1478	1371	2758	1398	1774	1586	2783
REAL ESTATE	734	723	982	697	817	781	1100
LODGING	900	751	1441	948	1225	1076	1533
RECREATION	812	1145	1647	578	534	1078	1829

SUMMIT COUNTY EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

	3Q 87	4Q 87	1Q 88	2Q 88	3Q 88	4Q 88	1Q 89
RESTAURANTS	1240	1299	1667	1258	1215	1277	1976
REAL ESTATE	646	753	998	785	767	820	968
LODGING	1583	2237	3623	2370	2572	2544	4063
RECREATION	231	553	910	405	258	680	1168





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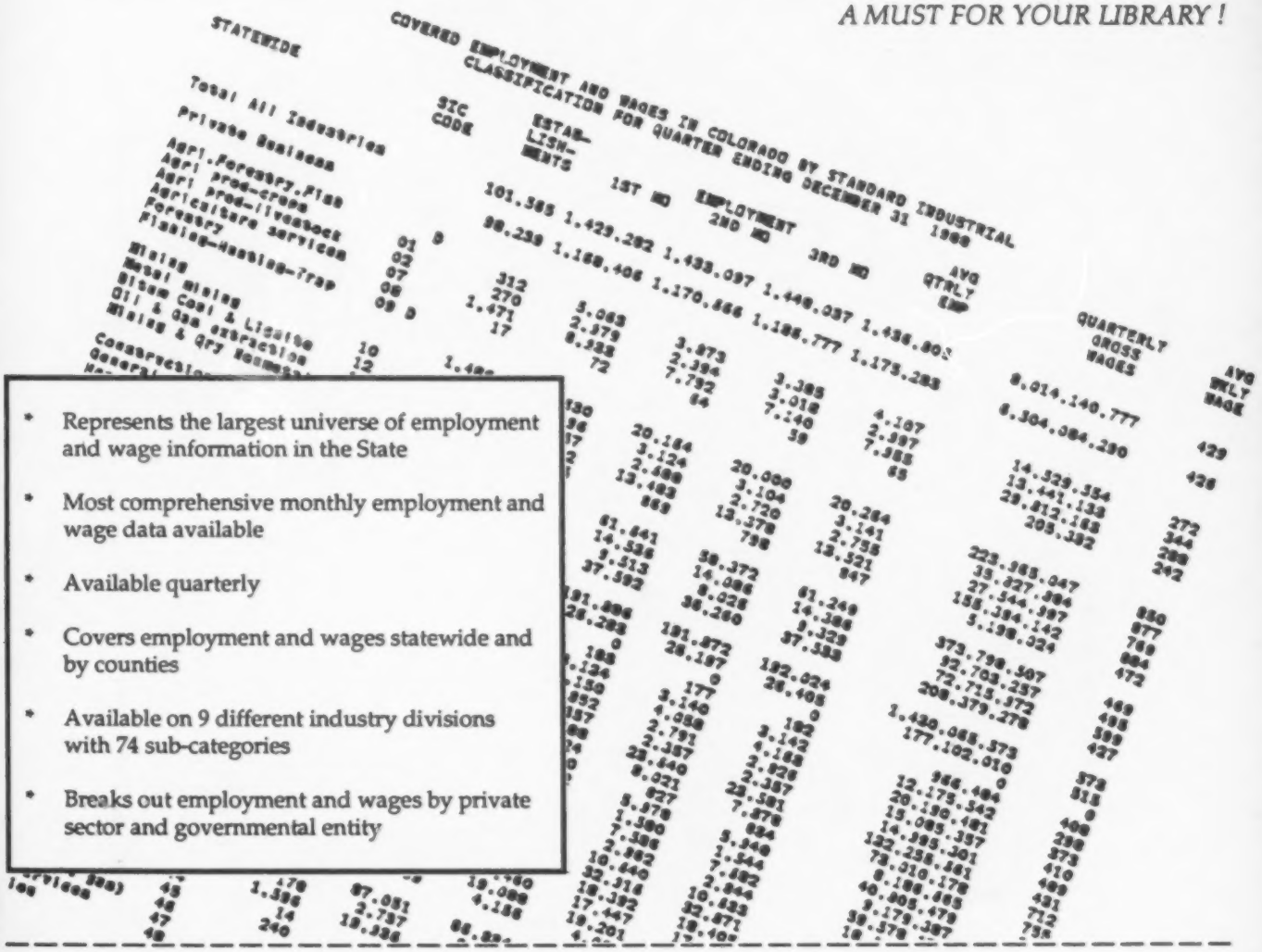

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	OCT 1989	SEP 1989	JUL 1989	OCT 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1692.7	1680.0	1669.7	1686.4	12.7	23.0	6.3
Unemployment	86.3	84.9	90.0	108.6	1.4	-3.7	-22.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	1606.4	1595.1	1579.7	1577.8	11.3	26.7	28.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1455.7	1447.3	1444.7	1428.8	8.4	11.0	26.9
Mining	21.1	21.1	20.9	20.8	0.0	0.2	0.3
Contract Construction	58.6	57.3	57.8	57.9	1.3	0.8	0.7
Manufacturing	191.7	191.0	190.4	190.3	0.7	1.3	1.4
Durable Goods	119.9	119.3	119.5	119.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	71.8	71.7	70.9	70.7	0.1	0.9	1.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	90.9	91.1	90.8	90.7	-0.2	0.1	0.2
Trade	362.5	358.9	359.7	353.2	3.6	[illegible]	9.3
Wholesale	77.8	77.3	77.1	77.0	0.5	[illegible]	0.8
Retail	284.7	281.6	282.6	276.2	3.1	[illegible]	8.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	94.9	94.5	94.4	94.5	0.4	[illegible]	0.4
Services	365.8	362.2	361.3	354.6	3.6	4.5	11.2
Government	270.2	271.2	269.4	266.8	-1.0	0.8	3.4
Federal	56.3	55.9	55.7	54.9	0.4	0.6	1.4
State	64.0	66.4	64.3	63.6	-2.4	-0.3	0.4
Local	149.9	148.9	149.4	148.3	1.0	0.5	1.6
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	870.6	866.5	858.7	872.3	4.1	11.9	-1.7
Unemployment	41.1	42.1	42.4	52.6	-1.0	-1.3	-11.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.9	4.9	6.0	---	---	---
Employment	829.5	824.4	816.3	819.7	5.1	13.2	9.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	809.6	807.5	807.0	800.8	2.1	2.6	8.8
Mining	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Contract Construction	29.7	29.2	29.6	31.2	0.5	0.1	-1.5
Manufacturing	95.6	95.3	95.5	95.5	0.3	0.1	0.1
Durable Goods	50.5	50.4	50.8	51.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.6
Nondurable Goods	45.1	44.9	44.7	44.4	0.2	0.4	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	66.5	66.5	65.9	66.3	0.0	0.6	0.2
Trade	201.0	200.5	200.9	197.0	0.5	0.1	4.0
Wholesale	55.6	55.0	55.0	55.0	0.6	0.6	0.6
Retail	145.4	145.5	145.9	142.0	-0.1	-0.5	3.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.6	62.5	62.5	63.0	0.1	0.1	-0.4
Services	214.8	213.8	213.6	209.4	1.0	1.2	5.4
Government	127.3	127.5	126.8	125.7	-0.2	0.5	1.6
Federal	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
State	26.5	27.1	27.3	26.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1
Local	67.9	67.5	66.6	66.5	0.4	1.3	1.4
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129820	129860	129380	129970	-40	440	-150
Unemployment	5000	5210	5240	6680	-210	-240	-1680
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.0	4.1	5.1	---	---	---
Employment	124820	124650	124140	123290	170	680	1530
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	191170	189620	189090	188210	1550	2080	2960
Unemployment	12160	11530	11620	14000	630	540	-1840
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	6.1	7.4	---	---	---
Employment	179010	178090	177470	174210	920	1540	4800
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	94880	92870	92650	93520	2010	2230	1360
Unemployment	4810	4330	4460	5270	480	350	-460
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.6	---	---	---
Employment	90070	88540	88190	88250	1530	1880	1820
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	69100	70640	68770	67750	-1540	330	1350
Unemployment	3770	3570	3480	4750	200	290	-980
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.1	5.1	7.0	---	---	---
Employment	65330	67070	65290	63000	-1740	40	2330
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49360	49360	49660	49530	0	-300	-170
Unemployment	3720	3470	3440	4900	250	280	-1180
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.0	6.9	9.9	---	---	---
Employment	45640	45890	46220	44630	-250	-580	1010

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1690.8	1677.3	1683.0	13500	7800
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	79.6	72.6	100.1	7000	-20500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.3	5.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1611.2	1604.7	1582.9	6500	28300
Nonagricultural 5/	1575.2	1559.7	1545.5	15500	29700
Agricultural	36.0	45.0	37.4	-9000	-1400
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1457.7	1451.3	1431.1	6400	26600
(by place of work)					
MINING	21.1	21.1	20.8	0	300
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.1	4.1	3.8	0	300
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.0	12.9	13.9	100	-900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	61.5	60.9	60.8	600	700
General Building Contractors	15.4	15.6	14.4	-200	1000
Heavy Construction Contractors	10.2	10.0	10.2	200	0
Special Trade Contractors	35.9	35.3	36.2	600	-300
MANUFACTURING	193.1	192.6	191.7	500	1400
Durable Goods	120.3	120.3	120.0	0	300
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.6	6.7	7.1	-100	-500
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	100
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.5	14.5	13.6	0	900
Machinery, except Electrical	32.3	32.3	32.3	0	0
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.0	22.1	22.1	-100	-100
Transportation Equipment	18.1	18.0	18.2	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	72.8	72.3	71.7	500	1100
Food & Kindred Products	27.1	27.0	27.2	100	-100
Printing & Publishing	23.6	23.3	23.1	300	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	91.2	91.5	91.0	-300	200
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	48.2	48.5	47.9	-300	300
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	360.6	359.7	351.4	900	9200
Wholesale Trade	77.9	77.5	77.1	400	800
Retail Trade	282.7	282.2	274.3	500	8400
General Merchandise Stores	31.4	30.9	29.3	500	2100
Food Stores	47.4	47.3	45.1	100	2300
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	29.8	29.6	29.0	200	800
Eating & Drinking Places	104.7	105.1	103.0	-400	1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	94.3	94.5	93.9	-200	400
Banking	18.4	18.4	18.5	0	-100
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.6	15.4	16.0	200	-400
SERVICES	359.2	361.5	348.2	-2300	11000
Hotels & Other Lodging	30.4	31.2	27.0	-800	3400
Personal Services	17.4	17.4	17.2	0	200
Business Services	88.5	88.1	85.2	400	3300
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	16.9	16.8	16.9	100	0
Amusements & Recreation	17.2	19.9	17.3	-2700	-100
Health Services	91.6	91.2	88.5	400	3100
Hospitals	38.2	38.2	37.5	0	700
GOVERNMENT	276.7	269.5	273.3	7200	3400
Federal Government	56.4	56.6	55.0	-200	1400
State Government	67.6	65.6	67.2	2000	400
Education	42.8	40.5	42.8	2300	0
Local Government	152.7	147.3	151.1	5400	1600
Education	85.3	79.2	82.5	6100	2800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	-100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	873.0	864.6	873.6	8400	-600
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	38.5	36.1	49.2	2400	-10700
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.2	5.6	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	834.5	828.5	824.4	6000	10100
Nonagricultural 5/	828.1	820.5	817.8	7600	10300
Agricultural	6.4	8.0	6.6	-1600	-200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	812.6	810.1	803.5	2500	9100
MINING	12.0	12.1	12.6	-100	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.7	9.7	10.7	0	-1000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	30.8	30.7	32.4	100	-1600
MANUFACTURING	95.7	95.6	95.6	100	100
Durable Goods	50.6	50.6	51.2	0	-600
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.7	16.2	0	-500
Nondurable Goods	45.1	45.0	44.4	100	700
Food & Kindred Products	14.6	14.6	14.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	13.3	13.1	13.0	200	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	66.5	66.7	66.3	-200	200
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	200.9	200.2	196.9	700	4000
Wholesale Trade	55.5	55.1	54.9	400	600
Retail Trade	145.4	145.1	142.0	300	3400
Eating & Drinking Places	53.7	54.0	54.0	-300	-300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	62.5	62.7	62.6	-200	-100
SERVICES	214.2	214.9	208.8	-700	5400
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.9	11.0	10.6	-100	300
Health Services	51.3	51.3	49.2	0	2100
GOVERNMENT	130.0	127.2	128.3	2800	1700
Federal Government	32.8	32.8	32.5	0	300
State Government	27.7	27.6	27.8	100	-100
Local Government	69.5	66.8	68.0	2700	1500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	132.3	130.5	132.3	1800	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	4.7	4.5	6.3	200	-1600
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.4	4.8	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	127.6	126.0	126.0	1600	1600
Nonagricultural 5/	126.1	124.2	124.5	1900	1600
Agricultural	1.5	1.8	1.5	-300	0
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	110.9	109.9	109.6	1000	1300
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.7	100	100
MANUFACTURING	29.6	29.4	29.8	200	-200
Durable Goods	23.7	23.6	24.1	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.8	5.7	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.5	23.5	23.1	0	400
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Retail Trade	20.6	20.6	20.3	0	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	100
SERVICES	24.0	23.8	23.3	200	700
GOVERNMENT	23.3	22.8	23.1	500	200
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	11.0	10.8	10.8	200	200
Local Government	9.7	9.4	9.7	300	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	October 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	September 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5832	5519	313	5.4	--	5572	5232	340	6.1
Archuleta	2171	2071	100	4.6	--	2200	2099	101	4.6
Baca	2036	2004	32	1.6	--	2211	2150	61	2.8
Bent	2133	2071	62	2.9	--	2245	2135	110	4.9
Chaffee	5961	5574	387	6.5	--	6108	5793	315	5.2
Cheyenne	947	932	15	1.6	--	1012	990	22	2.2
Clear Creek	2670	2528	142	5.3	--	2600	2484	116	4.5
Co. Springs MSA	192035	181335	10700	5.6	--	190061	180401	9660	5.1
Conejos	2216	2014	202	9.1	--	2342	2092	250	10.7
Costilla	1305	1194	111	8.5	--	1334	1203	131	9.8
Crowley	1457	1412	45	3.1	--	1536	1479	57	3.7
Custer	758	715	43	5.7	--	777	733	44	5.7
Delta	7719	7279	440	5.7	--	7754	7314	440	5.7
Den-Bldr CMSA	1005276	962055	43221	4.3	--	995127	954510	40617	4.1
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	132290	127567	4723	3.6	--	130516	126026	4490	3.4
-Denver MSA	872986	834488	38498	4.4	--	864611	828484	36127	4.2
---Adams	146099	138767	7332	5.0	--	144780	137769	7011	4.8
---Arapahoe	208833	201078	7755	3.7	--	207005	199632	7373	3.6
---Denver	264358	250889	13469	5.1	--	261901	249084	12817	4.9
---Douglas	21607	20745	862	4.0	--	21421	20596	825	3.9
---Jefferson	232088	223009	9079	3.9	--	229504	221404	8100	3.5
Dolores	910	893	17	1.9	--	931	902	29	3.1
Eagle	11439	10886	553	4.8	--	11373	10987	386	3.4
Elbert	4138	3881	257	6.2	--	4082	3924	158	3.9
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	95168	91064	4104	4.3	--	94006	90578	3428	3.6
Fremont	11351	10599	752	6.6	--	11409	10679	730	6.4
Garfield	14587	13879	708	4.9	--	14423	13878	545	3.8
Gilpin	1416	1316	100	7.1	--	1360	1314	46	3.4
Grand	4642	4478	164	3.5	--	4665	4531	134	2.9
Greeley MSA	69715	66501	3214	4.6	--	69693	66869	2824	4.1
Gunnison	5447	5147	300	5.5	--	5396	5168	228	4.2
Hinsdale	350	346	4	1.1	--	357	353	4	1.1
Huerfano	2243	2069	174	7.8	--	2280	2116	164	7.2
Jackson	872	838	34	3.9	--	898	878	20	2.2
Kiowa	947	879	68	7.2	--	962	947	15	1.6
Kit Carson	3814	3744	70	1.8	--	4014	3953	61	1.5
Lake	1507	1329	178	11.8	--	1425	1318	107	7.5
La Plata	15187	14392	795	5.2	--	14841	14296	545	3.7
Las Animas	4851	4460	391	8.1	--	4632	4314	318	6.9
Lincoln	2252	2188	64	2.8	--	2347	2295	52	2.2
Logan	9284	8946	338	3.6	--	9567	9214	353	3.7
Mesa	40965	38784	2181	5.3	--	40607	38614	1993	4.9
Mineral	167	158	9	5.4	--	177	159	18	10.2
Moffat	5141	4822	319	6.2	--	5078	4850	228	4.5
Montezuma	8501	7976	525	6.2	--	8475	7993	482	5.7
Montrose	11969	11285	684	5.7	--	12025	11414	611	5.1
Morgan	9960	9412	548	5.5	--	9884	9431	453	4.6
Otero	8494	8033	461	5.4	--	8532	8122	410	4.8
Ouray	1490	1365	125	8.4	--	1435	1385	50	3.5
Park	3029	2834	195	6.4	--	2983	2827	156	5.2
Phillips	2031	1984	47	2.3	--	2138	2114	24	1.1
Pitkin	8619	8018	601	7.0	--	8549	8122	427	5.0
Prowers	6565	6291	274	4.2	--	6664	6370	294	4.4
Pueblo MSA	49826	46466	3360	6.7	--	49258	46347	2911	5.9
Rio Blanco	2986	2873	113	3.8	--	3002	2888	114	3.8
Rio Grande	4590	4263	327	7.1	--	4781	4352	429	9.0
Routt	8063	7589	474	5.9	--	7834	7505	329	4.2
Saguache	1460	1345	115	7.9	--	1600	1427	173	10.8
San Juan	571	545	26	4.6	--	555	538	17	3.1
San Miguel	2172	2078	94	4.3	--	2166	2096	70	3.2
Sedgwick	1349	1319	30	2.2	--	1408	1377	31	2.2
Summit	8201	7657	544	6.6	--	8057	7687	370	4.6
Teller	5132	4849	283	5.5	--	5066	4794	272	5.4
Washington	2363	2312	51	2.2	--	2590	2492	98	3.8
Yuma	4468	4377	91	2.0	--	4877	4671	206	4.2
COLORADO	1690747	1611171	79576	4.7	--	1677281	1604704	72577	4.3

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January 1989 - October 1989

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5782	5305	477	8.2
Archuleta	2243	2054	189	8.4
Baca	2172	2084	88	4.1
Bent	2166	2059	107	4.9
Chaffee	6197	5754	443	7.1
Cheyenne	1000	951	49	4.9
Clear Creek	2644	2442	202	7.6
Co. Springs MSA	188257	174996	13261	7.0
Conejos	2436	2026	410	16.8
Costilla	1379	1159	220	16.0
Crowley	1538	1443	95	6.2
Custer	764	711	53	6.9
Delta	7915	7123	792	10.0
Den-Bldr CMSA	987002	932674	54328	5.5
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	128793	122664	6129	4.8
-Denver MSA	858209	810010	48199	5.6
---Adams	144432	134697	9735	6.7
---Arapahoe	204489	195180	9309	4.6
---Denver	260206	243530	16676	6.4
---Douglas	21208	20137	1071	5.0
---Jefferson	227874	216467	11407	5.0
Dolores	926	879	47	5.1
Eagle	12590	11926	664	5.3
Elbert	4050	3795	255	6.3
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92582	87596	4986	5.4
Fremont	11302	10370	932	8.2
Garfield	14357	13468	889	6.2
Gilpin	1622	1538	84	5.2
Grand	4977	4765	212	4.3
Greeley MSA	68097	63897	4200	6.2
Gunnison	5482	5181	301	5.5
Hinsdale	352	341	11	3.1
Huerfano	2305	2052	253	11.0
Jackson	909	868	41	4.5
Kiowa	967	914	53	5.5
Kit Carson	3943	3830	113	2.9
Lake	1466	1271	195	13.3
La Plata	15063	14134	929	6.2
Las Animas	4737	4275	462	9.8
Lincoln	2240	2161	79	3.5
Logan	9284	8911	373	4.0
Mesa	40324	37363	2961	7.3
Mineral	207	180	27	13.0
Moffat	5115	4684	431	8.4
Montezuma	8644	7843	801	9.3
Montrose	12092	11007	1085	9.0
Morgan	9842	9169	673	6.8
Otero	8437	7701	736	8.7
Ouray	1592	1490	102	6.4
Park	2963	2749	214	7.2
Phillips	2095	2040	55	2.6
Pitkin	8915	8460	455	5.1
Prowers	6657	6203	454	6.8
Pueblo MSA	49361	45209	4152	8.4
Rio Blanco	2883	2721	162	5.6
Rio Grande	4815	4246	569	11.8
Routt	8168	7674	494	6.0
Saguache	1649	1384	265	16.1
San Juan	559	517	42	7.5
San Miguel	2518	2341	177	7.0
Sedgwick	1410	1339	71	5.0
Summit	8821	8316	505	5.7
Teller	5342	4944	398	7.5
Washington	2532	2399	133	5.3
Yuma	4659	4491	168	3.6
COLORADO	1668340	1567421	100919	6.0

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County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5839	5354	485	8.3
Archuleta	2202	2000	202	9.2
Baca	2243	2160	83	3.7
Bent	2285	2135	150	6.6
Chaffee	6537	5942	595	9.1
Cheyenne	1040	998	42	4.0
Clear Creek	2687	2433	254	9.5
Co. Springs MSA	188710	174605	14105	7.5
Conejos	2473	2091	382	15.4
Costilla	1345	1181	164	12.2
Crowley	1615	1518	97	6.0
Custer	868	801	67	7.7
Delta	8202	7279	923	11.3
Den-Bldr CMSA	1008732	949974	58758	5.8
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130766	124447	6319	4.8
-Denver MSA	877966	825527	52439	6.0
---Adams	148135	137277	10858	7.3
---Arapahoe	209137	198919	10218	4.9
---Denver	266256	248195	18061	6.8
---Douglas	21495	20523	972	4.5
---Jefferson	232945	220614	12331	5.3
Dolores	979	925	54	5.5
Eagle	12390	11705	685	5.5
Elbert	4148	3810	338	8.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93367	87920	5447	5.8
Fremont	11559	10484	1075	9.3
Garfield	14603	13554	1049	7.2
Gilpin	1558	1471	87	5.6
Grand	4900	4671	229	4.7
Greeley MSA	68368	63700	4668	6.8
Gunnison	5460	5145	315	5.8
Hinsdale	363	356	7	1.9
Huerfano	2376	2100	276	11.6
Jackson	986	917	69	7.0
Kiowa	994	958	36	3.6
Kit Carson	4060	3944	116	2.9
Lake	1451	1213	238	16.4
La Plata	15315	14234	1081	7.1
Las Animas	4795	4349	446	9.3
Lincoln	2222	2156	66	3.0
Logan	9418	9017	401	4.3
Mesa	39986	36678	3308	8.3
Mineral	229	198	31	13.5
Moffat	5155	4664	491	9.5
Montezuma	8774	7876	898	10.2
Montrose	12194	10937	1257	10.3
Morgan	9916	9181	735	7.4
Otero	8612	7835	777	9.0
Ouray	1641	1531	110	6.7
Park	2829	2612	217	7.7
Phillips	2178	2107	71	3.3
Pitkin	9082	8613	469	5.2
Prowers	6909	6339	570	8.3
Pueblo MSA	49812	45446	4366	8.8
Rio Blanco	2794	2620	174	6.2
Rio Grande	4956	4279	677	13.7
Routt	8268	7655	613	7.4
Saguache	1722	1453	269	15.6
San Juan	576	529	47	8.2
San Miguel	2725	2533	192	7.0
Sedgwick	1434	1376	58	4.0
Summit	8805	8365	440	5.0
Teller	5504	5009	495	9.0
Washington	2645	2490	155	5.9
Yuma	4833	4664	169	3.5
COLORADO	1695668	1586089	109579	6.5

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$506.34	$468.49	$490.77	39.9	37.3	39.9	$12.64	$12.56	$12.30
MANUFACTURING	$429.79	$425.82	$409.82	40.7	40.4	40.1	$10.56	$10.54	$10.22
Durable Goods	$431.81	$421.87	$430.96	41.6	40.8	41.8	$10.38	$10.34	$10.31
Nondurable Goods	$427.79	$431.03	$380.39	39.5	39.8	37.7	$10.83	$10.83	$10.09

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988	OCT 2/ 1989	SEP 3/ 1989	OCT 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$524.00	$471.90	$533.98	40.0	36.3	40.7	$13.10	$13.00	$13.12
MANUFACTURING	$445.20	$443.30	$438.98	40.0	40.3	40.2	$11.13	$11.00	$10.92
Durable Goods	$444.80	$442.30	$476.19	40.0	40.1	41.3	$11.12	$11.03	$11.53
Nondurable Goods	$446.31	$444.29	$400.53	40.1	40.5	39.0	$11.13	$10.97	$10.27

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	OCT 1989	SEP 1989	OCT 1988	OCT 1989	SEP 1989	OCT 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,303	8,303	11,260	5,500	4,253	5,536
Continued Claims	77,270	70,272	77,511	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	57,959	54,450	60,581	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$9,586,439	$8,862,739	$9,683,651	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$215,625,005	$219,570,766	$147,282,091	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,615	14,793	14,329	8,222	7,206	7,633
Nonagricultural Placements	6,388	6,734	5,072	1,900	1,819	1,570
Agricultural Placements	615	829	450	224	432	210

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

September 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,828	1677.3	1704.9	473.6	401.9	693.3	804.2	222.8
Unemployment	6,330	72.6	99.7	18.8	20.4	42.3	29.2	12.5
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.1	4.3	5.8	4.0	5.1	6.1	3.6	5.6
Employment	117,498	1604.7	1605.2	454.8	381.5	651.0	775.0	210.3

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FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 900 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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